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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a resident that lives in rural Virginia and a small, local broadband provider is the only access that I have to the internet that I need. I work from home and telecommute to my job so a reliable, fast internet is required for the lifestyle that myself and my family lead. Due to my reliance on local broadband, I urge you to ignore the recent request from major telecom providers to release them from their commitment outlined Section 251 of the Communications Act. To do this would end the way of life that I lead. Please keep broadband competition healthy and keep the rules as they currently are.

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